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Dear Sirs,

Re.: Docket #98P-0203/CP

In an article in the Spring 1999 edition of "Poultry Press", they note that in April 1998, (a year ago!!) they petitioned your office to ban the forced molting of "laying" hens, because it is cruel and it causes disease.

Unfortunately, up to now your office has apparently not yet reached a decision on this petition. Why?

It seems to me this whole business of using battery cages for hens used for egg production, and the treatment of these fowl is uncomprehensible. This treatment should be prohibited. I am sure many people are willing to pay a little more money for eggs if the hens were treated more humanely.

I would like to hear from you why this petition has not yet been considered.

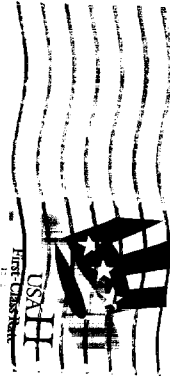
Sincerely,

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